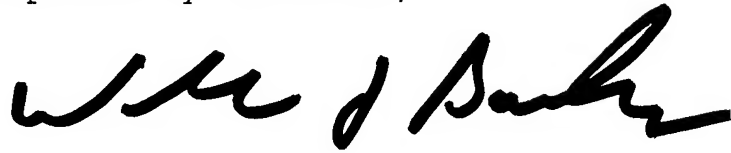


REMARKS

Claims 1, 8, 12 and 17 of the aforementioned patent application are amended; claims 2, 13 and 18 are incorporated into the corresponding independent claims 1, 12 and 17 and canceled.

Early allowance of the claims is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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